

## Strawbridge & Clothier Addition Planned; Will Cost \$1,000,000



—Photo Courtesy Evening Bulletin  
Architect's drawing of Strawbridge & Clothier Main Line store, showing projected two-story addition at right.

Plans for the construction of a \$1,000,000 addition to the Main Line store of Strawbridge and Clothier were announced this week by Dwight G. Perkins, president of the store.

The expansion, according to the official, will provide for installation of several better fashion departments and make possible the expansion of many departments which are now too small to carry extensive merchandise assortments.

The new addition will add 32,000 square feet of floor space to the present building, and Perkins stated that service facilities will be increased approximately 200 percent. This will make possible the carrying of greatly increased stocks and will expedite delivery of merchandise to customers.

Frederick W. Dreher & Son, of Suburban Square, Ardmore, architects for the addition, estimated that the new building would be completed in 12 to 18 months after work is started. No date for the start of the work was announced, however.

During the construction period, officials of the store stated, business will go on in the present building as usual.

## Board Grants 2 Zoning Appeals Despite Protests

### Authorizes Buildings in Ardmore and Haverford; Delays One Decision

Despite the protests of neighboring residents the Lower Merion Township Board of Zoning Adjustment last Thursday night granted the appeals of Dominic Gaspari in Ardmore and of William Johnston in Haverford for alterations to buildings.

At the same time the board turned down three unopposed appeals and took under advisement a sixth petition.

Gaspari asked for a zoning variance to construct a two-story addition at the year of his combination dwelling and business building at 231 E. County Line Rd., Ardmore, thus decreasing the side yard depth from the required 10 feet to six feet.

Objectors to Gaspari's appeal, which was presented by his son, Santie, were represented by William Snyder, of Rosemont, Philadelphia attorney.

Snyder presented a petition signed by 25 neighboring property owners opposing the request on the grounds that if granted it would be detrimental to property values; would inconvenience the immediate neighbors by cutting off their light and air; would spoil the appearance of the neighborhood; and would not conform to the zoning.

He called on Erico Biacochi, who lives in the adjoining twin home at 233 E. County Line Rd. Biacochi told the board members that Gaspari's building already extends out at the front, cutting off the light and air at the front of his house. If the appeal were granted, he said, the light and air would also be cut off at the rear of his home and he and his family would be forced to move.

The board members pointed out that Gaspari's existing building already cuts down the side yard.

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## Chas. M. Stuard Leaves \$30,000 Estate to Widow

### Ten Other Twp. Estates Also Judged Last Week In Mtgy. County Court

Charles M. Stuard, prominent Ardmore funeral director, who died July 10, named his wife, Annie L. Stuard, beneficiary of his \$30,000 estate, including his business which was operated under the name of Charles M. Stuard & Son, according to an adjudication in Montgomery County Court last week.

Adjudications in other Lower Merion Township estates include the following:

Estate of Nellie C. Flaherty, who died October 26, 1938, balance of \$14,520.98 in trust fund awarded to William F. Flaherty who became 30 on April 5, 1948.

Estate of James Emmott Caldwell, who died July 24, 1919, balance of \$443,295.97 in a life trust for his wife, Frances Maule Caldwell, of Bryn Mawr, with account filed before John M. Hays, one of the trustees, resigned and James Emmott Caldwell, Jr., was substituted in his place.

Estate of Amy Hartshorne, who died May 5, 1947, balance of \$126,248.03 awarded; personal items to 11 nephews and nieces and balance in a life trust for Lillie A. Zietz.

Estate of William H. Lutz, who died December 11, 1930, balance of \$4,205.18 in a trust fund for his wife Christine H. Lutz, with trust being terminated and principal awarded to the widow.

Estate of Laura Lloyd Wainwright, who died February 2, 1941, balance of principal in a trust of \$274,426.68 with Eleanor Coates Cressman, who died April 2, 1948, a life beneficiary of one-fourth of the income. The income is now awarded equally to her four sons, George V. Osborne, Francis M. and Emilen L. Estate of Eugene Muller, who died March 13, 1933, balance of principal of \$136,929.35 in a trust for the life benefit of his wife, Helen.

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# Autocar Union, Management to Meet Monday To Sign 11c an Hour Wage Boost Agreement

## 11 Borough Streets to Be Resurfaced

### 3d Step in Plan To Restore Roads Being Completed

#### Narberth to Spend \$2900 in Continuing Improvement Program

The third step in Narberth's long-term road restoration program will be completed in August, George B. Suplee, Borough Public Works Superintendent, disclosed this week.

Suplee said that Borough workmen had already completed patching seven streets and are now working on four more. The preliminary work of filling in holes in the streets must be completed before the actual resurfacing work is started.

### Mrs. Lyle G. Smith, 60, Dies After Short Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Estelle Smith, of 425 Brookhurst Ave., Narberth, who died last Wednesday after a short illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Stuart McMoran, of 709 Cricket Ave., Ardmore, were held Saturday afternoon from the Stuard Funeral Home, Ardmore. She was 60.

Born in Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Smith had lived in Narberth for the past 40 years. She was a member of the Narberth Presbyterian Church and a former member of Rebecca Lodge, I.O.O.F.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by her husband, Lyle G. Smith; another daughter, Mrs. James A. Evans, Jr., of Ardmore; and a son, Ralph L. Smith, of 120 Elmwood Ave., Narberth.

Interment was in Arlington Cemetery.

## Wynnewood Beauty Is Competitor For "Miss American Co-ed" Crown



—Courtesy of the Inquirer

A local beauty who is competing for the title of "Miss American Co-ed of 1948," will be saluted on the Sammy Kaye program this Friday night as "College Girl of the Week."

This salute is part of a nation-wide contest to pick America's most beautiful co-ed student.

She is Miss Joyce Hodgins, an alumnus of Lower Merion High School in the class of '44 and was graduated from Penn State in June.

Miss Hodgins was chosen as a contestant by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Penn State, and was selected by fellow students to compete in the national contest.

A special committee including beauty editor John Powers, columnist Ed Sullivan, and designer Tina Turner picked her as one of the 12 finalists to go to Virginia Beach.

The winner of the contest will receive the "Miss American Co-ed Crown," a screen test, and other valuable prizes.

While an undergraduate at Penn State, Miss Hodgins majored in home economics, and is now working in the Home Service department at the Philadelphia Electric Company. She is a member of the Phi Epsilon, and was vice-president of Chi Omega in her senior year.

Her engagement to William Douglas, of Mount Lebanon, Pa., was announced last May. She is the daughter of Mrs. Richard S. Hodgins, of the Wynnewood Park Apartments. Her fiancé is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and a graduate of Penn State.

## New Polio Victim Brings Total to 4 In L-M Township

### Measles on the Wane; Only 2 Cases Last Week; '48 Total So Far Is 1130

Betty Ann Utz, 2-year-old daughter of Lower Merion Township patrolman and Mrs. Brady Utz, is the township's fourth infantile paralysis victim this year, it was reported Tuesday by Health Officer Robert J. Thomas.

The youngster became ill Monday and that afternoon was taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital where her illness was diagnosed as a mild case of polio. She lives at 1516 Powder Mill Lane, Wynnewood, with her parents and three brothers and sisters, Brady, Jr., 19, Raymond, 16, and Margaret, 14.

Another polio victim in Bryn Mawr Hospital is Neil Graham, 15, of 8 Mulberry Lane, Larchmont, who became ill July 18 and was removed to the hospital Monday. His 3523 S. Norton Ave., Los Angeles, could get back together again.

Last week's contagious diseases included six cases of mumps, two of measles and one each of chicken pox, scarlet fever and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

The measles epidemic seems definitely on the wane with but a scattering of cases reported in the last few weeks. The total number of cases reported so far this year is 1130, an increase of 1117 over those reported at this time last year.

Other contagious diseases listed so far this year include 152 of mumps, 139 of chicken pox, 31 of scarlet fever, 13 each of German measles and whooping cough, nine of diabetes, seven of cancer, three each of rheumatic fever and tuberculosis and two each of pneumonia and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

### Breaks Nose When Truck Hits Telephone Pole

A Philadelphia man suffered a broken nose early Friday evening when he lost control of his truck and crashed into and broke a telephone pole on Conshohocken State Rd., near E. Newfield Way, Bala.

Leo H. Cosgrove, Jr., 31, of 5952 Cobbs Creek Parkway, told Lower Merion Township police he had leaned over to pick up a bottle of turpentine when the accident occurred. He was treated at Bryn Mawr Hospital where he was taken by patrolman Joseph Shea.

### Bala-Cynwyd Lions Meet at Cynwyd Club

Harold C. Linton conducted the meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd Lions Club, held Tuesday night at the Cynwyd Club, in the absence of president, Joseph F. Dolan, Jr., who is attending the Lions National Convention in New York.

The club is operating on its summer policy of meetings held on alternate Tuesdays. The fall schedule will be resumed in September.

### Files for Bankruptcy

A bankruptcy petition was filed in New York Federal Court this week by Mrs. Anne T. Towne, formerly of Merion Garden Apartments, Merion.

Employed by Hattie Carnegie, Inc. of New York, Mrs. Towne listed liabilities, all in unsecured claims, of \$497, and assets of \$215.

### Guest Preacher

The Rev. Charles W. Malloy, Pastor of the Kenwood Church, Chicago, Illinois, will be the guest preacher at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning. His sermon theme will be "What Think Ye of Christ?"

## Narberth Marine Division Official Planning to Retire September 1

P. T. Samuel, a resident of the Lakeview Apartments, Narberth, who is now chief of the Marine Division in the Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers, announced this week that he plans to retire September 1.

As Chief of the Marine Division, Samuel is responsible for the design and construction of all major items of floating plant for the Corps of Engineers.

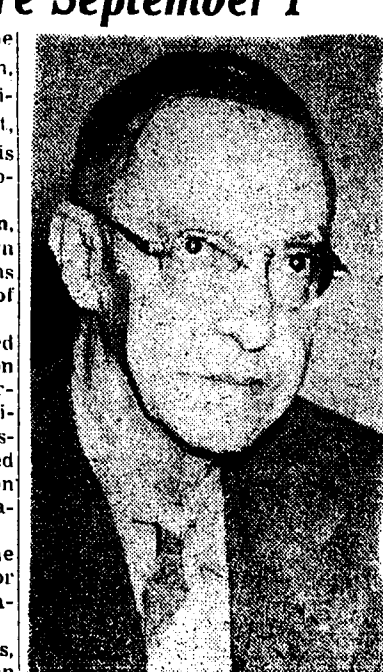
Since 1939, when he first assumed charge, the program of the division has been greatly accelerated. During the recent war the Marine Division, under his guidance, successfully coped with an unprecedented demand for design and construction of floating plant for military operations.

He was also responsible for the training of the military crews for Port repair ships, each crew containing 83 trained specialists.

With the cessation of hostilities, Samuel guided the Marine Division into its post-war program of replenishing the depleted fleet of hopper dredges which was urgently needed to fill the requirements of the Corps of Engineers. He was also responsible for the design and construction of the 250-ton "Paul Bunyon," a floating gate-lifter for the Sault St. Marie locks.

Samuel has also supervised special projects.

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P. T. SAMUEL

### Rotarians Entertained By Veterinarian Movie

The members of the Ardmore Rotary Club were treated to a very interesting movie covering "Veterinary Medicine" by Bill Glenney, at their meeting last Thursday, held at the Haverford Court Hotel. George Hosterman acted as chairman of the day.

The movie was instructive and entertaining, and because Glenney was one of the producers of the film, Rotarians were furnished with many sidelights on the shooting of the picture.

At the meeting this week Dr. William W. Reitz, Chief of Educational Relations, Soil Conservation Service of the Northeastern Region, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will speak on erosion and soil conservation. Dr. Reitz is a member of the Upper Darby Rotary Club. Walter Rosenkranz will act as chairman of the day.

Visitors at last week's meeting included Alex Corson, guest of Rowland Weaver, and Dr. W. G. Clark, guest of Bill Glenney.

## Strike Averted As Auto Firm Grants Increase

### Extra 5 Cents an Hour Allowed for Skilled Maintenance Workers

A new wage agreement covering employees at the Autocar plant is expected to be signed by union and management representatives on Monday.

At the same time the wage agreement, formerly separate, will be incorporated in the union-management contract. A revised incentive bonus plan is also expected to be included.

These decisions were made when management and union negotiating committees came to an agreement early Friday morning, averting a strike which had been voted by the Autocar Local 131 UAW-CIO and approved by its international executive committee.

Proposals for accident and health insurance will be discussed later on in the year.

Terms of the wage agreement, including an 11 cent hourly increase for all union employees and an additional five cents for skilled maintenance workers, were approved by the union membership at a special meeting Monday afternoon.

Union officials headed by John Arroyo, president, had made three proposals for cost of living wage increases since April 19. The first called for a 30 cent an hour increase, with additional payments for skilled maintenance workers; the second for a straight 13 cent an hour increase; and the third for a 6 cent an hour increase supplemented by incentive payments.

All were turned down by the management and a counter-proposal made by management at the request of the federal conciliator was rejected by the union.

Union leaders then called for a strike vote and on July 15 the members voted 897 to 166 in favor of a strike. Permission to strike was given by union officials by UAW International six days later.

A meeting between union and management negotiating committees called July 21 by federal conciliator C. S. Kleinger, ended in which has been granted the Narberth man during the time he has been working.

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## Two Inventors In Local Area Granted Patents

### Dive Angle Indicator And Reflectometer Are Patented

Two of the 439 patents granted last week went to inventors who lived in Narberth at the time they filed their patent applications, according to an official announcement of the United States Patent Office in Washington.

One of the inventors still lives in the Borough and the other recently moved just a stone's throw away into Merion.

John R. Ford, 40, of 421 Woodbine Ave., Narberth, was credited with six original ideas in connection with his invention, a reflectometer for wave guide systems. An electrical engineer with Radio Corporation of America since 1940, Ford has assigned his patent rights to his employer. The patent was the sixth in which has been granted the Narberth man during the time he has been working.

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## Haverford Woman To Head Group Mrs. Yarnall Named Red Feather Leader

Mrs. Alexander C. Yarnall, of Golf House Rd., Haverford, has been appointed chairman of the Woman Power Committee for the 1949 Red Feather campaign of the Community Chest.

Mrs. Yarnall, who has been associated with Chest campaigns since 1941, is the only woman serving on the executive committee. She will head the mobilization of more than 3,500 women volunteers needed for vital clerical and soliciting posts essential to the campaign program.

Known for her philanthropic activities, Mrs. Yarnall is a member of the Acorn Club, a Board member of the United Neighbors Association, a Red Feather Service, active in Emergency Aid affairs, and has served as a speaker and a district director in previous Community Chest campaigns.

Funds raised in the Red Feather campaign will be used to support 170 individual agencies; including hospitals, family and child welfare agencies, youth and recreation services.

## Cars Leave Road To Avoid Truck

### One Struck Before Driver Careens Into Stone Pile

A Philadelphia truck driver who forced four automobiles off the road and crashed into a fifth on Rockhill Rd., near Belmont Ave., Cynwyd Estates, was held under \$500 bail for Montgomery County Court Saturday afternoon on a drunken driving charge.

According to Lower Merion Township police, William Waters, 37, drove from one side of Rockhill Rd. to the other, causing four motorists to pull off the highway onto the McCabe Brothers quarry grounds, before he crashed into a fifth automobile driven by Walter Kabacinski, 42, of Scranton, Kabacinski, police said, had also driven completely off of the road to avoid the truck.

However, the truck driver followed Kabacinski, smashed into him and then careened 100 feet through the brush and into a large pile of stones.

Waters was arrested at the scene for driving while under the influence of liquor and was arraigned later that afternoon before Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Allen, Jr., in Lower Merion Township building.

### Gladwyne Cadet Places in Test

Cadet Frank P. K. Barker, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Barker, of Conshohocken State Rd., Gladwyne, was placed in the excellent class in recent physical efficiency tests held at the Citadel, a Military College in South Carolina.

Cadet Barker scored 320 out of a possible score of 500. The tests included pull-ups, squat jumps, two minute sit-ups, and a 300-yard run.

## Bigamy Charge Holds Corporal Under \$1500 Bail on Girl's Father's Complaint

An Army corporal stationed at Valley Forge General Hospital was held under \$1500 bail Saturday night for a further hearing on charges of perjury and bigamy preferred against him by the father of the girl he married July 2 in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Allen, Jr., Cpl. Jack Lupton, 22, pleaded not guilty to the charges brought against him by David H. Dornan, father of Lupton's bride, Agnes Elizabeth.

Dornan, who lives at 619 Old Lancaster Rd., Bryn Mawr, maintained that Lupton was a married man when he and Agnes Elizabeth applied for a marriage license in June. At that time, Dornan said, the Army corporal swore he was unmarried. That statement under oath, Dornan charged, created an act of perjury.

The actual marriage on July 2 constituted bigamy on Lupton's part, he further stated, and he charged him with both perjury and bigamy. He asked, however, that the hearing be postponed so that witnesses unable to appear that day could be present.

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## Services Held For S-Sgt. Vauclain Haverford Youth Died At Anzio Beachhead

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, for Staff Sgt. James L. Vauclain who was killed in action May 23, 1944, at Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

Sgt. Vauclain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacques L. Vauclain, of 848 Buck Lane, Haverford, was 22 at the time of his death. Born and raised in Haverford, he was graduated from Haverford School and was attending Princeton University when he entered the service in April, 1943. A member of Company K, 30th Infantry Regiment, he was twice the recipient of the Purple Heart.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, are three brothers, Samuel M., 3rd, of Jackson, Miss.; William and Charles P., both of Haverford, and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo., and Anne K. Vauclain, of Haverford.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rt. Rev. John Thomson Heistand, Bishop of Harrisburg, and the Rev. Robert F. Gamble, assistant rector of the church. Interment was in the churchyard.

## Bernard Slowey Succumbs at 48

Solemn Requiem Mass was sung in St. Columban's Church, Ardmore, this Thursday morning for Bernard A. Slowey, of 134 Walnut Ave., Ardmore, who died Sunday in Bryn Mawr Hospital after a month's illness. He was 48.

Mr. Slowey, who was born in Italy, moved to Philadelphia when a young boy and had lived in Ardmore for the past 15 years. An employee in the shipping department of the Autocar Company, Ardmore, for more than 11 years, he was a member of the Italian-American Club of Ardmore.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Brown Slowey; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slowey; three children, Thomas, Maryann and Margaret; and two sisters, Mrs. Edward Nunan, of Green Lane, Pa., and Mrs. Helen Lowther, of Bryn Mawr.

Burial was in St. Denis Cemetery.

## Narberth Woman Adopts War Child

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Day, of 300 Essex Ave., Narberth, have adopted a nine-year-old Italian boy through the Foster Parents Plan for War Children, it was disclosed this week.

The boy, whose name is Franco Maria Berenga, lives in Rome with his mother, Maria. His father, Augusto, was killed in an aerial bombardment in 1944.

A reflective and intelligent boy, Franco wants to become an engineer when he grows up. According to Mrs. Day, who recently received a picture and a brief history of the youngster, he is a willing student.

The adoption carries with it no legal obligation. However, under the foster parent's plan, the "parent" promises to contribute \$5 monthly towards the child's support for at least a year.

Day is president and owner of the Day Engineering Company, Philadelphia. He and his wife have no children.

## Guest Minister From Scotland

The Rev. W. Erskine Blackburn, minister of the Holburn, Central Church of Scotland, Aberdeen, Scotland, will be the guest minister at the First Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, at the 11 o'clock morning worship service this Sunday.

Mr. Blackburn was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was educated at the University of his native city and at Trinity College, also in Glasgow. He has served with many churches in Scotland and England, and has been minister of Holburn since 1941.

In addition to several pamphlets, Rev. Blackburn has published three volumes of sermons: "Invincible Love," "Christ Shows the Way," and "The Sun Is Rising."

Guest soloist on Sunday will be Walter Fredericks, Claribel Thomson, the organist.

Until August 15, the Church School will convene each Sunday morning at 9:45 A. M. The theme of the Bible study during the summer months is "Great Characters in the Bible."

The Rev. John David Tate, S.T.M., minister of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, will serve in the absence of Rev. MacLachlan Frew, D.D., who, with Mrs. Frew and their sons, is spending the summer at their cottage in Culver, Indiana. Dr. Frew will return to his pulpit on September 8.

## FILES DIVORCE SUIT

### Mrs. Helen Dorothy Josephson Woerner, of Narberth, has filed action for divorce against Carl George Woerner, of Miami, Fla., in the Montgomery County Prothonotary's office.









